

OUR OMNIBUS.
THE CONDUCTOR.

Gen. Sir John French, when his services are no longer required in South Africa, will take Gen. Buller's place as commander of the First Army Corps. Meanwhile, the position goes to Maj.-Gen. Sir H. Hildyard, an officer of wide experience. In Sir John French the nation has an officer who combines with the vigour and dash of a cavalry officer the tactful skill of a wise commander.

Arm-chair critics who sit over their show fire and how fields should be won, even though they have had no fault to find with Gen. French, and who may be truly said of him that he has never shunned a fight or lost a battle. We hope the day is near at hand when the General can be safely speeded from South Africa; but that cannot be until the war is really over. The country does not want any more generals coming home, buoyed up with false hopes and unreliable reports of a sufficiently beaten enemy.

In his downfall—deserved or undeserved—nothing can be more painful to Sir Redvers Buller, a patriotic Britisher, than to be defamed by the Daily News and the Manchester Guardian. We hope Sir Redvers will be spared the bitter cynicism of a message of sympathy from their friend, Mr. Kruger.

Every right-minded Englishman must grieve that General Buller's brilliant career should end sadly. But no man knew better what is due to discipline and army regulations. His breach seems to have left his chiefs no option but to call for his resignation, and on his refusal, to dismiss him from his command. This appears to be the general opinion of the responsible press, the recognised Liberal "Westminster Gazette," no less than the Conservative "Globe" and "Pall Mall."

Deep sympathy has been expressed for Sir Redvers, and a high appreciation of his services to the State by some who have condemned him most. Perhaps in this connection "The Times" and "The Standard" have been less tempted into expressions of sentimental regret than any other of our contemporaries. Had they been in Lord Roberts' place they would evidently not have gone so far as Othello saying, "Camo, I'll lose thee" before the sentence, "but never more be officer of mine."

Next year ("it is never too late to mend") the promoters of the Brewers' Exhibition intend to hold a cider, as well as a beer competition. Honest cider and perry are quite as good as the common everyday wines of the Rhine and the Moselle. A good old perry, indeed, is better than some of the vaunted unsophisticated vintages of Germany. Devonshire, Cornwall, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Gloucestershire, Norfolk and Suffolk, it is to be hoped, will back up the Brewers' Exhibition management with enthusiasm.

If one or two fashionable physicians would take it into their wise heads to discover qualities in home-made cider and perry medically superior to still Moselle, especially as applied to rheumatism and gout troubles, the desire of the fruit growers and cider makers would be accomplished. And really I have heard professional men of wide experience extol pure cider as the most wholesome of liquors.

In these days of "Leagues" why not a "Cider League" in which virtuous seasons across the globe are allowed to rot upon the ground, because the market is overdone, and cider is not a universal drink; yet, when English people make holiday excursions in Normandy and Brittany many of them drink little else. It has always been a popular drink in the West Country, and you shall not find a more stalwart and happier race of men than you meet with in the cider districts.

WILL WORKMAN.

It is an old saying and a true one, that "If we keep on throwing mud, some of it is sure to stick," and I am afraid some of the mud the Radicals have been throwing at the Government about the rate of mortality in the concentration camps is beginning to stick. For I have had lately four or five letters about it. But when you read or hear about this sort of thing, I want you all to remember that the ordinary death-rate in South Africa, even in time of peace, is enormous when judged by English standards.

I see in some parts of Cape Colony before the war it has been as high as 150 per 1,000, and in the Orange Free State between 1895 and 1900 the increase of population was only 11 per 1,000, although the birth-rate in that part of Africa is one of the highest in the world, most of the deaths being those of very young children, and a letter to "The Times" of last Saturday from Miss Phelps, an English nurse of extensive experience, tells us why.

She declares the mortality in concentration camps is due to the unspeakable filthiness of Boer habits. In five years of nursing amongst the poorest of our own race and of foreign immigrants, she has never seen anything that would have prepared her for the "indecent dirt, both of person and habits in which the Boers revels."

In her view, the point in which our authorities have failed is that they have permitted them to indulge in their luxury of personal dirt, although they have made the camps outwardly models of cleanliness and order. But she admits that to ordain that Boer babies should be washed once a week and Boer women once a month would raise a storm of indignation. Now you have only got to think for a minute

what an epidemic of cholera, typhoid, measles, diphtheria, or dysentery means amongst a lot like that, and you will wonder at the high rate of mortality.

It don't look as if the cotton trade was "depressed" when we find over six hundred thousand pounds will be spent in erecting six new spinning mills in the Bolton, Atherton, and Farnworth districts of Lancashire. They will accommodate more than five million spindles. All these are in addition to the two great mills already being built at Farnworth.

I see a mass meeting of members of the boot and shoe trade was held at Leicester last Tuesday to discuss the system of "character notes" used by employers to the detriment of workmen. The complaint is that when a man employed by a member of the Masters' Federation seeks employment with another member, a "character note" follows which prevents him bettering himself as to wages, and often follows him about from shop to shop, prohibiting him getting employment.

The difficulty of securing proof renders the workman helpless, as, of course, the masters will not produce the note. It is contended that the time has come to make an attempt to break down such an unfair system, and Tuesday's meeting resolved to try and prove a case, with a view to claiming compensation for injury and slander. I wish them every success, but they have got a tough job on, for one of these notes may be so worded as to stop a man getting a situation, and yet not contain either a libel or a slander. The American system is the best, where employers neither ask for nor give a character.

Talking about America, the secretary of the National Boot and Shoe Union says that American competition is a palpable fact in that trade, but he is not frightened by it. Under similar circumstances a British workman could produce as quickly and as well as the American. That is just what I have always said. And now the questions naturally arise, first of all, what are the conditions under which the American boot and shoe makers are successfully competing with our makers? and, secondly, why cannot we have "similar conditions" in this country.

PIPER PAN.

The sad death of Mr. Leonard Bevan has been the chief topic in musical circles. That a highly promising and brilliant career should be cut short so early is truly deplorable. For Mr. Bevan was only 25, and was, apparently, possessed of all a young man could desire. Wealth, family, and position were his, he had an unusually large number of friends, and as a composer of many charming songs and some interesting chamber music he had already won some fame. Although the son of a banker, finance had no attraction for him, and he devoted himself to music, and there is little doubt that the intense and passionate love he bestowed upon the art turned a sound brain, and brought about his tragic end.

Mr. Ben Davies will sail early in March for America, where he has been engaged as principal tenor of the Cincinnati Vocal Festival for the fifth time. The Cincinnati festival is the eminent vocalist, as in the United States they prefer a frequent change of singers. Mr. Ben Davies will tour in the States for seven weeks, returning to London for the season. Mr. Andrew Black is also specially engaged for the Cincinnati Festival, and will travel with Mr. Davies.

The present season of promenade concerts at Queen's Hall will terminate in a fortnight's time, owing to the spacious concert room being required for numerous other musical functions. A fresh series of "Proms" will henceforward be commenced at Christmas, and last until February. This innovation of Mr. Newman's for the holidays will be watched with interest and, I hope, warmly supported.

Although the new Colston Hall is quite ready for it, I understand that no arrangements have yet been made to hold a musical festival at Bristol next autumn. But there is a talk of reviving the Cardiff Festival, which was very successful a few years ago, under the direction of Sir Joseph Barnby. The Worcester, Norwich, and Sheffield Festivals all take place next year, and there may be besides two-day festivals at Scarborough and Hanley.

The Leeds Musical Festival balance sheet will not be issued until next month, but no call is likely to be made upon the guarantee fund, as the receipts at larger than the last year. It is indeed reported that the balance amounts to about £2,500. Comparative little use was made of the more experienced, and consequently expensive, singers, so that a saving was no doubt made that way.

Dr. Stanford's opera, "Much Ado About Nothing," which was produced at Covent Garden during last season, will be performed by the students of the Royal College of Music shortly. The opera class has been rehearsing the work for some time.

On their recent arrival in Toronto, the leading vocalists of Mr. Grau's opera company were promptly interviewed. It is satisfactory to learn that Madame Calvé disclaimed all intentions of becoming a theosophist or a Buddhist, stating that her winter sojourn in Egypt had left her a better Christian than ever.

By the way, the popular prima donna, Madame Nordica, is bringing out a book entitled, "Hints to Singers," which should prove valuable to students of the vocal art. The work is being edited by Mr. William Armstrong, formerly for some years musical critic of the Chicago "Tribune."

Sir Walter Parrat has been appointed King's Master of the Music, and is thus confirmed in a post which he had filled for eight years under Queen Victoria. The appointment is understood to embrace the conductorship of His Majesty's private band and the State concerts.

Herr Schelling, M. Paderewski's last pupil, will give recitals in London on Oct. 29 and Nov. 12, coming expressly from Berlin.

M. de Pachmann is making a farewell tour of the English provinces, but the great Chopin player will not, I believe and hope, make his final appearance in the metropolis for many a long day.

OLD IZAAK.

Angling prospects are more encouraging now than for some time past, and the rivers are putting on colour, and showing more signs of coming decay, particularly in the Chertsey and Molesey district of the Thames, and pike and perch should be found in those parts of the river, but in the Teddington district is in good colour and condition.

Some nice roach have been caught by Mr. D. Wilson, of Chertsey, and Mr. Cooper, fishing with E. Vickery in the same locality, took four dozen, the largest of which weighed 11 lb. Capt. Davis landed a 4 lb. barbel. Thirty punts and fishing boats could be counted between Teddington and Richmond on Sunday last, and quite a small army of anglers lined the banks. The South Bermondsey Anglers competed from punts at Twickenham, but their fish and sport was about 10 lb. of roach and a few bream, where bream and other up-river stations, and a pike of over 11 lb. has been landed at Medmenham.

In spite of pollution, better reports come from the Lee, which has decidedly improved under the recent rains. A brace of pike, scaling 12 lb. 6 oz. and 8 lb. respectively, are reported from Waltham, and some capital roach have been caught in the Hertford waters. The Cam is again yielding excellent dace, and good perch, and would not be a bad place to fish on, and most of the broads and rivers of the eastern counties.

Among the fish lately landed may be noted a fine roach of 11 lb. 9 oz., caught at Walton by a member of the Walton Association, fishing with G. Hone, and another of 2 lb. 8 oz., taken at Amberley. One of 1 lb. 6 oz. was also taken in the Kennet at Reading by Mr. A. C. Simmonds. The fish of the week is a grand perch, weighing 3 lb. 7 oz., taken from the pond on Earlswood Common, on Sunday last, by Mr. Jennings (a local angler), and a weight it is not likely to be surpassed, even in strictly preserved waters.

The committee of the Thames Angling Preservation Society met on Tuesday last, when Mr. Arthur J. Hall, J.P., will preside. There is a long agenda, and Mr. H. W. Higgins (hon. sec.) will have a very satisfactory statement to make as to the working of the society and the restocking operations which have taken place in its district during the recess. The society (founded in 1898) is deserving of the fullest support, and the part of the river it looks after is entirely free.

Sea fishing is in the ascendant, and good catches are recorded almost everywhere. Sunday last was indeed a "St. Luke's summer" day, and so warm that at Deal some of the many boat anglers found coats superfluous. Dover, Margate, and Ramsgate are doing also, and have been well patronised. Excellent sport is being had at Burnham and Maldon, and Clacton, Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Cromer, and other east coast towns, have all kept anglers busy. The moon is full to-day (Sunday), and higher tides than usual are likely to follow for several days.

Mr. P. Green presided over the Anglers' Association meeting, held at the Cripplegate Institute, on Monday last. The fifty condition of a portion of the upper Lee, into which a quantity of sewage recently found its way, killing a vast number of fish, was among the topics adverted to, and it was stated that the Lee Conservancy are doing their utmost to prevent a repetition of the scandalous news for which the general community, as well as anglers, will be deeply thankful. Other matters were discussed, and two new clubs enrolled.

The Social Brothers (who well deserve their name) had a most enjoyable outing to Amberley a few days since, where several prizes were fished for. Mr. J. H. W. Higgins, the victor, with the heaviest weight, and the largest pike. The water was not in the best of order. Mr. W. S. Harding, Mr. H. Richardson (V.P.), and others, were of the party, and all returned delighted with the day to their clubhouses. The Prince Regent, Dulwich, Herne Hill, where Mr. Harding, their popular president, is doing their utmost to prevent a repetition of the scandalous news for which the general community, as well as anglers, will be deeply thankful. Other matters were discussed, and two new clubs enrolled.

Mr. G. W. Duck ably presided over the opening visit of the Central Association to the Anchor and Hope Anglers, held at Mr. P. Green's, the Selborne & Becht, Old Kent, on Monday last. Mr. P. Martin occupying the vice-chair. An excellent musical programme was presented, and 20 clubs responded to the roll call. The society's trays were well filled at their last meeting. Mr. Mohr displaying about 17 lb. of roach and dace from the Upper Thames, and Mr. W. G. W. had a nice show from the tidal water at Illeworth.

There is sure to be a big muster of the South London clubs on the occasion of their visit to the Walworth "Palladium," which takes place at the Selborne & Becht, Old Kent, on Monday next. On Tuesday next, Mr. Polane presides, faced by Mr. Billie Taylor, and an exceptionally good programme is in hand. The Oglinders follow with a concert at the Oglinder Hotel, Oglinder-rye, Lane, S.E., on Thursday, 29th, when the prizes won in the recent South London competition at Wareham will be distributed. Mr. W. J. Wade presides, and Messrs. Cartwright will be the musical directors. Success is consequently assured.

The Midland rivers have not fished well of late, but should benefit greatly by the rains. Shropshire Avon has been low and bright, and the same may be said of the Trent, Dove, and others. A nice catch of 3 lb. 6 oz. was caught by Mr. J. G. G. of Lichfield, at Fradley, fishing with fine roach tackle and paste. The Severn has fished well, and Mr. J. H. Jordan, of Birmingham, spinning for pike last week at Cressage, landed a fine 14 lb. fish.

It is satisfactory to know that counsel's opinion has been obtained in the Maidenhead fishery dispute. If favourable, but not otherwise, the case should be fought out vigorously, and to the bitter end, unless more friendly proceedings can be arranged. If Andrews is successful, no similar encroachment will be attempted, and he is a better property man to be respected, and some equitable means devised by which any proved rights to Thames fisheries may be acquired for the public. The Thames is becoming

more and more a vital source of popular recreation, and at this time of day it is to be hoped that angling will not be made a prohibited pastime upon its banks.

THE ACTOR.

The cast of "The Likeness of the Night," as that play is to be revived at the St. James's Theatre on Monday, is a good deal different from that which was presented at the Fulham Theatre last November. Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, Mr. Frank Fenton, Mr. Percy Ames, Mrs. A. B. Tapping, and Miss May Call resume their former roles; but Mr. William Hume, Mr. Rudge Hargrave, Mr. Benson Tree, Miss Grace Lane, Miss Henrietta Watson, and Miss Kate Bishop are all fresh to the play. Since November, apparently, three minor characters—Sir George and Lady Neville, and Miss Hamilton—have been cut out.

I hope too much fuss will not be made about the supposed similarity between Mrs. Clifford's piece and Mr. Sydney Grundy's "Debt of Honour." In all essentials the two plays are perfectly distinct. For example, in "The Likeness of the Night," the husband has been, and is still, living in adultery with his old love since a recent divorce. The husband is careful to be "away with the old love" before he marries the new one. Mr. Grundy's hero is consequently much more "sympathetic" than Mrs. Clifford's, who, in my view, is not only an immoral person, but "not quite a gentleman."

No fewer than three pieces new to London will be produced at suburban theatres on Monday. All three, moreover, are musical. At Islington we are to have "The Little Innocents," an adaptation of "Les Petites Brûlées," at Camberwell, "Bébé," in which Miss Kitty Loftus will be the central figure; and at Kennington, "The Little Girl," in which a new vocalist and actress, Miss Corinne, to London audiences. Miss Corinne is under the management of Mr. J. R. Rogers, who piloted Miss Minnie Palmer into popularity in this country, and seems likely to do the same for the new "star."

It is an excellent idea of Mr. G. B. McLellan to revive "The Belle of New York" at the Century. The vogue of that piece is not yet exhausted, nor do I think it will readily fade. It is endowed with some distinctly pretty melodies, and it is full of variety and "go." Its prolonged success shows that it does depend at all upon the cleverness of its original exponent. Nevertheless, Mr. McLellan has done wisely in re-engaging Mr. J. E. Sullivan ("the polite lunatic") and Mr. Frank Lawton (the accomplished whistler). They will be welcome.

Managerial attention is now being focussed upon Christmas. Mr. Collins, of course, long ago settled all the chief features of his pantomime. I spoke last week of the Savoy arrangements. At the Vaudeville there is to be Mr. Hicks's "Bluebell in Fairyland," and there is talk of a version of "Through the Looking-glass" at the Century. "The Merry Men" is being produced at the Gaiety. Mr. Bonchier, I should say, would not put up any holiday entertainment at that house. The musical comedies, of course, are perpetual holiday pieces. Mrs. Patrick Campbell will vacate the Royalty, and Mrs. Langtry returns to the Imperial.

Altogether, it would seem as if distinctively Christmas fare would not be very conspicuous at our theatres. There must be a few pieces for the children, but that is all. Even they must have in them something to attract the adult population. Miss Ellaline Terris should be a charming Bluebell, but what Mr. Arthur Eliot makes of "Through the Looking-glass" I do not know. I should like to hear of his "Alice in Wonderland." However, we shall see. The proof of the Christmas pudding lies in the eating.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

I have had sent me by a correspondent of Southgate road a box of insects which are popularly known as "silver fish" or "silver-bats," but which rejoice in the scientific name of Lepisma saccharinum. They are curious looking little creatures, not unlike young earwigs, and are of a silvery colour and run very fast. In the note accompanying the specimens it is stated "that the vermin come from a baker's house next door, that they infest one of the cupboards, and feed on the books and papers." I have often heard it said that these creatures feed on paper, but I am inclined to think it is not the paper they are after, but the paste or other matter that is used in the binding of the books. Flour and other farinaceous food is what the silver-fishes live upon, and they are consequently frequent inhabitants of bookshelves.

During a visit this week to Bourne End, Bucks, I was invited by the local naturalist and taxidermist, Mr. Harry Tirrell, to inspect his stock of curios. With the exception of a few mammal-skins from South Africa the specimens consisted entirely of those that had been taken in the neighbourhood of Bourne End, and their assortment gave evidence of the varied fauna of the county. Amongst them were several of special interest, notably two cases of hawfinches, some cases of kingfishers, several great green woodpeckers, an albino mole, a nearly white weasel, and some fine eels which had been taken in Lord Boston's water (an outlet of the Thames) at Tredegar. Of these the largest turned the scale at over 5 lbs. and another 5 lbs.

For the lateness of the year both animal and vegetable life at Bourne End was in a most flourishing condition. Many birds, which one would expect to have found departed for more southern climes, were still in evidence, and enjoying the mild weather, and the songs of many of them, notably the thrushes, were heard everywhere. In the early morning the wood-pigeons visited their feeding grounds in large numbers, and the starlings had gathered in immense flocks, previous to their migration. Herons were to be seen on the water's edge watching, statue-like, for their prey and sometimes passing in their graceful flight over the willows from top to top. The trees were still in full leaf and only slightly tinged with their brown death-coat. The cottagers' gardens were bright with flowers, and many summer plants in full bloom

were amongst them, and raspberries, so I was informed, were still ripe. Wheeler (the well-known fisherman) was still ripening in the warm sun.

A correspondent of Cambridge writes:—"Some time ago I read in 'The People' that you had your possession a while shell that was turned the wrong way. The other day I was getting some whelks out of their shells and came across one perfectly formed and also with the whorls reversed. It was rather amusing, as there was another man with me engaged in getting them out when I rather startled him by abruptly crying out 'I have found it.' He being curious to know the cause of the excitement, I explained to him that the whorls of the whelk in my mind ever since I read, a long time ago, your remarks in 'The People,' and at last my vigilance had been rewarded. I have to offer you my thanks for that note, and to remark that a small thing like that, if once impressed on the mind, will come uppermost at nearly every opportunity."

With regard to the whelks with reversed whorls, I may tell my correspondent that the shell I have in my possession is a fossil and not a recent one. Such specimens were common in former ages, and strangely enough in some deposits nearly all the whelks have their whorls different to those that obtain in the whelks of the present day, and those with whorls which we call "the right way" were the exception rather than the rule as at present. Nowadays whelks with reversed whorls are seldom met with.

I am obliged to Mr. R. French, of Maida Hill, for the following note:—"A few days ago a nearly white sparrow attracted my attention near here, and as I do not remember having seen an albino sparrow before I thought a notice of the occurrence of this specimen might be of interest to your readers."

Entirely white sparrows are extremely rare, but partially white ones are somewhat common, many such having come under my notice both by personal observation in London and by reports of my correspondents in various parts of the country. Several partial albinos are to be seen in the Regent's Park and also in the neighbourhood of Oxford Circus, and these probably are the descendants of nearly white specimens I saw in both places more than ten years ago.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending Oct. 22 include a Campbell's monkey, two white-fronted capuchin monkeys, two Arctic weasels, a black-headed lemur, a red-necked lemur, a ten snake fish, eight golden plovers, a green-headed tanager, two Dinco finches, a South Albatross tortoise, a rough terrapin, two annulated terrapins, two dark green snakes, a four-legged snake, and two menobranchs.

MR. WHEELER.

The National Cyclist's Union have decided that they will defend any cyclist who may be summoned by the Reigate police for furious riding, provided that the case shows prima facie evidence of the cyclist being in the right, because the N.C.U. do not protect those who ride in the common danger. Those who have been unfairly summoned should communicate at once with Mr. Noble at 27 Chancery-lane. Those who sympathise with the attitude of the N.C.U. should send their subscription of 5s. to the same address.

I wonder how many of those who go to the Stanley Show know that the magnificent band of the Coldstream Guards plays in a side hall twice a day, and that there is no extra charge for admission. I am reminded of this fact by the announcement which has been made that the band has once more been re-engaged for the coming show, and it is to be hoped that these concerts will be better patronised than they were the afternoon I put in an appearance.

Now that the roads are getting the autumn rains the mud is working up, and many people are afraid to ride their cycles for fear of side slip. There is a good deal less danger of this than many think. The rider should keep his head cool and his feet steady. It does not matter how much the mud is on the wheels, as of course the machine cannot fall so long as the front one stands up. Of course the back wheel may skid so badly as to twist the handle bar out of your hands, and so bring you down, but so long as you keep the front wheel steady the risks of side slip are reduced to a minimum.

Supplementing my remarks of last week with regard to the necessity of having a good chain, I would remark that it is also necessary, having got a good chain, to keep it in good order. No matter how excellent a chain may be, it will always stretch slightly when it is first used, and the stretching wants carefully adjusting. If you have the chain too tight the machine will run stiffly, and if it is too loose there is danger of its mounting the cogs and causing an accident. With regard to lubrication I am not very fond of the numerous pictures which are sold as chain lubricants. I prefer to drop just one or two drops of good oil into the wearing part of every link, and then wipe the superfluous oil off with a rag. When the chain gets very bad condition, take it off, curl it up, and immerse it in kerosene to clean it. Take it out, wipe it carefully, and then curl it up again in a saucer of good lubricating oil, leaving it until the oil has worked into every link, then wipe it dry and replace.

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The fact that a magistrate at Coventry had his bicycle stolen from outside the court-house, whilst he was adjudicating within, shows that the cycle thief is still on the look out for what he can gather in. It is a fact that there are a much larger

number of cycles stolen than we ever hear about, and considering how easy it is made for the thief nine times out of ten, it is almost surprising that there are not more thefts. A chain and a snap padlock should be part of the outfit of every cyclist, as the chain can be fitted and removed in a moment, and with it on there is no chance of the machine being stolen.

The talk is now all of the Stanley Show, and the novelties which will be exhibited there. I do not think anything will be anything very striking on exhibition, but the minor improvements will be quite sufficient to make it worth a visit, and to defer the ordering of a new machine until an inspection has been made of next year's pattern.

MADAME.

The Isabel Blouse would be a charming design for smart little evening blouse or theatre bodice. It is made in the pretty over style, which is so becoming to slender figures. It is trimmed with frills of soft lace, two frills going down the front, and two finishing off the dainty elbow sleeves, which are also frilled with narrow black velvet ribbon. The wide black velvet ribbon, two large handsome buttons. This blouse could be made in silk, crepe de chine, or nun's veiling, though, of course, it would look best in silk.

I fear I have much neglected the little ones of late, but I will repair the errors of my ways, and give them some space to-day. I may begin by mentioning a typical dress which I have been admiring with others at a firm, well-known for the beauty of its children's garments. The dress was intended for a child of four to seven years of age, and had the daintiest little skirt of killed red and black tartan poplin, which was to be worn with a soft tuck of cream washing with a jacket of black velvet with a very large square collar of Irish crochet, fastened with a rosette of black satin ribbon, finished off with tagged ends.

The sleeves are quite up to date, being tight on the shoulder, and gradually wider from the elbow, they are finished by rather deep cuffs. A soft draped belt of black satin was worn with the blouse. This dress might be carried out in some woollen material, tartan or anything of that sort, bearing in mind the material must not be very thick. The coat might be of velvet, cloth, or corduroy.

With this costume there was a very wide Béret or Tam-o-Shanter hat turned up with a large bow of soft silk ribbon, and a feather curling over the brim from the back.

A pretty skirt for the Christmas festivities was open on either side of the front breadth, where deep fans of another material were let in. The blouse was of the fancy material, and the bolero split up on either side was made of the plain fabric. These sacque boleros are very pretty for growing girls, and a lace sailor collar sets them off to perfection.

For older girls the box-pleated skirt is much favoured, but it should always be arranged so that it curves low down in front, else the dress is apt to look like a petticoat. Circular flounces and shaped flounces, or small box-pleated flounces are also fashionable, but a quite plain child's skirt can be made to look very fetching if trimmed with three or four graduated rows of braid or velvet ribbon.

A favourite pelisse is that which has a double cape, the longest of the two coming into points in front. This pelisse is semi-fitting at the back and quite straight in front. It is warm and comfortable, as it has rather full sleeves, which fasten with a wrist-band.

The Dennis suit would look very pretty for a boy of four to seven years. It could be made of serge, with turned-back collar of white or navy silk, with gilt buttons, or it would look very handsome made of black or brown velvet, and worn over a dainty little cream fine flannel shirt. The full little knickers have three buttons on the outer side, and the coat is further trimmed with several rows of m a c h i n e stitching.

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many adornments, in the guise of bebb velvet ribbon, rosettes, loops of ribbon, tiny tassels, &c., not to speak of fancy buttons of small steel or pasta buckles. Some sleeves are put in full in place of the shoulders. They fall over the elbow from whence comes a deep gauntlet of transparent guipure lace.

Blouse bodices of silk are often made in box pleats from a transparent yoke of lace. The belt is nearly always a corset of silk placed, or a softly draped wide ribbon. Plain sleeves are tucked from shoulder to elbow, and the fullness is allowed to escape and is again gathered into a wristband. These sleeves are the very latest fad, and some of the best houses are making them so very wide that they look quite ugly. Many come from a flat elbow sleeve, and droop in an immense puff from elbow to wrist.

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"HOMES FOR BUSINESS GIRLS."

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PEOPLE."] Sir,—The continual influx of country girls into London makes it more than ever imperative that they should be made acquainted with the home-life accommodation provided for them. It is only through the Press that such information can be made known to them, and I am therefore venturing, on their behalf, to ask you to allow me to state that any girl or young woman, between the ages of 16 and 25, able to substantiate her respectability, can find such accommodation at the following houses:—Victoria House, 135 and 137 Queen's-rd., Bayswater, W.; Morley House, 14, Fitzroy-st., Fitzroy-square, W.; Gordon House, 8, Endsleigh-gardens, N.W.; Woodford House, 58 and 59, Duncombe-terrace, Islington, N.; Garfield House, 3, Fitzroy-square, W.; Hyde House, 27, Somerset-st., Portman-square, W.; Lincoln House, 12, York-pale, Baker-st., W.; Dornay House, 11, Fitzroy-st., Fitzroy-square, W.; the cost for board and lodging being from 6s. 6d. to 8s. 6d. per week. Each house has a commodious sitting-room, which is supplied with library magazines, etc. All applications for admission must be made to the superintendents of the respective homes.—Your obedient servant,

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EMIGRATION OF WOMEN.

[TO THE EDITOR OF "THE PEOPLE."] Sir,—Knowing the interest that is taken in the question of immigration, I venture to communicate with you on the subject. I may mention that I am the secretary and matron of the Women's National Immigration Society of Montreal, Canada, and am spending a few weeks in England. I shall be much obliged if you will allow me to state, through the columns of your journal, that I shall be happy to answer any questions concerning domestic work in Canada, and to take charge of any girls wishing to sail to Canada about the time I propose to leave—that is on Nov. 7. While there are many who have Canada before them as their future home, I know that they often feel a difficulty in obtaining the detailed information required. Letters may be addressed to me, care of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria-st., London, S.W.—Yours, etc.,

(MISS) MARION DRAKE.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

The L.C.C. this week decided to invite the local authorities of London to support them in an appeal to the Government for a special rate of 1d. in the pound on the streets.—An amendment by Mr. Emden in favour of a system of subways was rejected as premature.—A petition was received against the abandonment of licenses, and in favour of municipal public houses, Sunday concerts, and Sunday games, was put in motion for a vote

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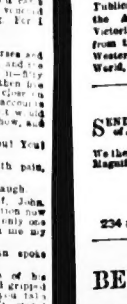
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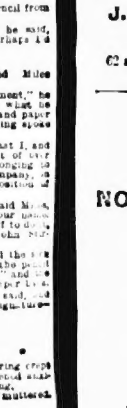
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